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Status					
1)	Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 De	ecember 2005.			
2a)⊠	This action is FINAL . 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.				
3)	Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is				
	closed in accordance with the practice under E	x parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 45	53 O.G. 213.		
Dispositi	on of Claims				
4) 🔯	Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.				
•	4a) Of the above claim(s) <u>11-17</u> is/are withdrawn from consideration.				
5)[Claim(s) is/are allowed.				
6)⊠	Claim(s) <u>1-10</u> is/are rejected.				
•	Claim(s) is/are objected to.				
8)□	Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or	r election requirement.			
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9)□ -	The specification is objected to by the Examine	r.			
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,	Applicant may not request that any objection to the	drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See	e 37 CFR 1.85(a).		
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11) 🔲 -	Γhe oath or declaration is objected to by the Ex	aminer. Note the attached Office	Action or form PTO-152.		
Priority u	nder 35 U.S.C. § 119				
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	3. Copies of the certified copies of the prior	• •			
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This action is in response to amendments received 12/23/2005.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments/amendments with respect to previously presented claims

2-4, and 6-10, amended claims 1 and 5, and withdrawn claims 11-17, filed

December 23, 2005 have been fully considered (MPEP 714.04; 37 CFR 1.111) but they

are not persuasive. Amendments to claims 1 and 5 have been accepted and therefore

the objection and rejection are withdrawn. The Examiner would like to point out that this

action is made final (see MPEP 706.07a).

With regard to applicant's argument that Holloway et al. does not suggest, "at

least one of the nodes having an identification assigned thereto based on a logical

assignment grouping one or more of the plurality of nodes, each node sharing an

identification being commonly vulnerable to at least one network exploit", Examiner

respectfully disagrees. The Examiner believes a hub to be a device that connects

several other devices or nodes (e.g. computers) to a network. Therefore it would be

inherent in Holloway et al. that each hub links a grouping of nodes within the campus

LAN environment. The logical assignment of such nodes is first by building (i.e.

administration building and dormitory) then by floors and department. The hub of each

nodes is understood to be the common identification/access point for which vulnerability

would be shared (see Figure 16 and column 15, lines 47 - 67).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

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The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1 –10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Holloway, et al. in US Patent 5,905,859 (hereinafter US '859).

As it pertains to Claim 1, US '859 teaches:

A network having an intrusion protection system (see column 2, lines 54 - 55), comprising:

a network medium (see column 17, lines 66 - 67);

a management node connected to the network medium and running an intrusion prevention system management application (see column 18, lines 32 – 33; where the network management station is the management node and it is inherent that a detection means application is running); and

a plurality of nodes connected to the network medium and running an instance of an intrusion protection system application (see Figure 16; where each managed hub signifies a node), at least one of the nodes having an identification assigned thereto based on a logical assignment grouping one or more of the plurality of nodes, each node sharing an identification being commonly vulnerable to at least one network exploit (see column 3, lines 4 – 5; where the MAC address is the ID and each node has an authorized address).

For Claim 2, US '859 teaches:

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The network according to claim 1, wherein the management node is operable to originate a security update that is transmitted to each node sharing the identification, any remaining nodes not sharing the identification being excluded from receiving the update (see column 8, lines 8-10; where each nodes copies the group address).

For Claim 3, US '859 teaches:

The network according to claim 1, wherein a plurality of identifications are respectively assigned to one or more of the plurality of nodes (see Figure 16; where each hub is in a differing location that can be used as a form of identification (e.g. building, department, floor)).

For Claim 4, US '859 teaches:

The network according to claim 1, wherein the identification is an Internet Protocol multicast group identification (see column 2, line 61; where the ID is a multicast/group address also referred to as the LAN security feature group address).

For Claim 5, US '859 teaches:

The network according to claim 2, further comprising:

a plurality of network mediums (see column 17, lines 66 – 67); and at least one router (see Figure 16), the management node and the plurality of nodes each respectively connected to one of the plurality of network mediums in the network, the router disposed intermediate the plurality of network mediums and operable to forward the security update from the network medium having the management node connected thereto to any nodes connected to the remaining network mediums and sharing the identification (see column 15, lines 34 – 38).

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For Claim 6, US '859 teaches:

The network according to claim 5, wherein the router determines whether any of the plurality of nodes connected to the remaining network mediums share the identification through implementation of the Internet group management protocol (see column 15, lines 30 - 32).

For Claim 7, US '859 teaches:

The network according to claim 1, wherein the network medium is an Ethernet (see column 15, lines 50 - 51).

For Claim 8, US '859 teaches:

The network according to claim 1, further comprising a network-based intrusion protection system appliance dedicated to filtering inbound and outbound data frames transmitted across the network medium (see column 18, lines 10 – 13; where the discovery request/response frames act as inbound and outbound frames).

For Claim 9, US '859 teaches:

The network according to claim 8, wherein the network-based intrusion protection system appliance interfaces with the network medium via a network interface card operating in promiscuous mode (see Figure 3 and column 5, line 16).

For Claim10, US '859 teaches:

The network according to claim 8, wherein the network-based intrusion protection system appliance shares the identification (see column 18, lines 1 – 4; where a list is maintained).

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Conclusion

4. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Laurel Lashley whose telephone number is 571-272-0693. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday, alt Fridays btw 7:30 am & 5 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron, Jr. can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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